

# Fun, Fun, Fun at the First Slice of Summer



Kids wait in line for the bouncy water slide.  
Nancy Marks, MT43 News Photographer



Rotarian Pat Plantenberg salts the sand pile with quarters and trinkets. Kids wait patiently for a chance to dig in the pile.  
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## MT43 News Staff Reporter

Volunteers from Rotary, Lions, Elk Horn Church and PTA outdid themselves this year with games, food and music at the first event of the year at Heritage Park last Thursday. Kids of all ages enjoyed themselves during free swimming at the pool and on three bouncy toys. Older boys and girls took a chance on the climbing wall provided by Elk Horn Church and Pat Plantenberg and Mary Mistek provided prizes in the sand pile for kids to find.

The genesis of Slice of Summer began with the complaint, “There’s nothing for kids to do in Townsend during the summer,” according to Ron Salladay.

Salladay explained he was on the Rotary Scholarship Committee and had interviewed high school

students. He was aware of the Helena event “Alive at Five,” so he investigated the idea of organizing one in Townsend. He contacted various Townsend nonprofits. They contributed money to hire a band and manned food trucks. The program first began in 2010 and has grown every year since.

Rotary Chairman Doug Sitton explained they had a small blip this year – the band from Helena which he engaged for music, had a medical emergency – so he quickly called James Blythe, a DJ with Banshee Entertainment, who said he’d be right out with his equipment. Blythe saved the day.

Rotary Secretary Chrissy Ludricks explained the next Slice of Summer would be Wednesday, July 16, at Heritage Park with events and free swimming for kids, along with live music for everyone throughout the afternoon and evening.



Lions Club members Joe Kondelik and Don Hanson flip the burgers and hot dogs at the year's first Slice of Summer.  
Nancy Marks, MT43 News Photographer

NOTICE:

Due to the holiday, next week’s paper will be delivered Saturday, 7/5/25

Newspaper Rate Increase Scheduled for July – Read More on Page 3

## NorthWestern's Pipeline Plan Faces Federal Review

Harley Robertson  
Boulder Monitor

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[https://www.boulder-monitor.com/features/northwestern-pipeline-plan-faces-federal-review/article\\_68f82a51-4a01-4a57-80a7-62fd853d29b9.html](https://www.boulder-monitor.com/features/northwestern-pipeline-plan-faces-federal-review/article_68f82a51-4a01-4a57-80a7-62fd853d29b9.html)

An expedited federal review of NorthWestern Energy’s (NWE) proposed 74-mile gas pipeline likely to cut through northeast Jefferson County and East Helena’s new Prickly Pear Park is expected to be released next week.

Running from Helena to Three Forks, the project aims to help NWE boost capacity to meet growing demand and reduce costs to customers, according to NWE media contact Jo Dee Black. NWE’s nearly 40 percent price increase for electricity, from around \$91 in mid-2022 to a proposed \$127 next month, has already prompted considerable pushback in Montana in recent weeks.

According to a preliminary Bureau of Land Management report, the pipeline will begin in East Helena, then pass through Jefferson County northeast of Montana City before entering Broadwater County west of US Highway 12, turning west just south of Townsend and NorthWestern’s **Pipeline**, 11

## Broadwater County 4-H Youth Complete Unforgettable Exchange in Pennsylvania



4-H Members on Exchange Trip  
Photo Credits: Jennifer Beatty

Jennifer Beatty  
Exchange Leader

Fifteen Broadwater County 4-H members recently returned from an enriching five-day trip to Bradford County, Pennsylvania, as part of the ongoing 4-H Interstate Exchange program. This two-year partnership connected Montana teens, ages 13–18, with 14 youth from Pennsylvania, fostering friendships, cultural exchange, and hands-on learning.

Last summer, the Montana group hosted their PA partners with experiences like horseback riding, fishing, and visits to Yellowstone National Park, the Montana State Capitol, Virginia City, and Gates of the Mountains. This June, it was their turn to travel east and explore Pennsylvania and New York.

### Highlights of the trip included:

- Day 1: A full day exploring Niagara Falls, including the Maid of the Mist boat tour, Cave of the Winds, and sights of Lake Erie and Canada. The group capped the evening with mini-golf and ice cream in upstate New York.
- Day 2: A scenic five-mile kayak float down Pine Creek through the Pennsylvania Grand Canyon, followed by sightseeing in Wellsboro, a movie at the historic Arcadia Theatre, and dinner and games in Troy.
- Day 3: An adventure through Penn’s Cave—America’s

only all-water cavern — and a wildlife tour. Along the way, they explored the countryside of northern Pennsylvania and got a glimpse into Amish life and culture. The group later toured the World of Little League Museum and enjoyed a barbecue and pool party with host families.

- Day 4: A hands-on day touring local industries including a 1,400-cow dairy farm, Judson’s Feedmill, and a high-tech manufacturing plant. After a relaxing picnic at Mt. Pisgah Park, the group wrapped up with roller skating and one last evening of bonding and fun.
- Day 5: The final day was spent at Hershey Chocolate World and Hersheypark, before traveling to Philadelphia for dinner and heartfelt goodbyes with their Pennsylvania peers.

This exchange offered students the chance to explore new places, connect with others, and represent Montana with pride. The youth returned home tired but full of memories, growth, and gratitude — excited for future opportunities to learn from the world around them.

Special thanks and heartfelt appreciation to all the individuals, organizations, businesses, and 4-H clubs who made this trip possible. This trip could not be possible without your generous support.

If you are interested in learning more about 4-H Interstate Exchange, please contact the MSU Extension Office -- Broadwater County at 406.266.9242 or Exchange Leader, Jennifer Beatty, at 406.490.1362.



Townsend School Calendar

JUNE & JULY


Monday - Friday

11:00 am: Summer Lunch Program - 18 and under **EAT FREE** at Heritage Park

JULY

Tuesday 1

6:00 pm: Booster Club Meeting - The Bridge, 107 E St



Broadwater County Government Calendar

JUNE

Monday 30

10:00 am: Commission/ CAO TEAMS Working Meeting

JULY

Tuesday 1


1:00 pm: Planning Board Meeting

Wednesday 2


10:00 am: Commission Meeting



2025 Broadwater Rod and Gun Club



WALLEYE DERBY



DERBY IS HELD ON JULY 19TH AT THE SILOS

THE ENTRY FORM CAN BE FOUND AT [BROADWATERRODANDGUN.COM](http://BROADWATERRODANDGUN.COM)

JOIN THIS FAMILY FUN DAY FISHING AT CANYON FERRY

ENTRIES AND PAYMENTS POSTMARKED BY JULY 10TH WILL GET \$50 OFF THE ENTRY FEE!

QUESTIONS?  
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OR EMAIL [DEBI.RANDOLPH@GMAIL.COM](mailto:DEBI.RANDOLPH@GMAIL.COM)

Townsend Community Calendar

JUNE & JULY

Monday - Saturday

Summer Swimming Hours: **POOL SCHEDULE ON PAGE 4**

JUNE

Friday 27

12:00 pm: Alcoholics Anonymous at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 301 N Cherry  
1:00 pm: Townsend Pinochle Club at Broadwater County Sr. Center, 516 2nd St  
5:00 pm: READ and ROLL: Game Night for All Ages (12 & under with adult) at Reading Leaves Bookstore and Coffee Nook  
5:00 pm: **FREE** Live Music, Tyler Torgrimson at Canton Church **AD WITH DETAILS ON PAGE 4**

Saturday 28

12:00 pm: Open House at 403 S Cedar, Townsend **SEE AD ON THIS PAGE**  
1:00 pm: 2025 Food Giveaway for Veterans at American Legion Club **READ ABOUT IT**  
6:00 pm: Fireside Alcoholics Anonymous at 102 N. Walnut, 406-439-3945  
6:30 pm: Magic - The Gathering at Reading Leaves Bookstore, 401 Broadway

Monday30

6:00 pm: Celebrate Recovery at Mountain Valley Church, 107 E St, 406-980-1805

JULY

Tuesday 1

5:00 pm: American Legion Post 42 Food and Bingo at American Legion Post 42 Club  
5:30 pm: Alcoholics Anonymous at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 301 N Cherry

Wednesday 2

1:00 pm: Townsend Pinochle Club at Broadwater County Sr. Center, 516 2nd St

Thursday 3

3:00 pm: FARMERS MARKET at Wi-Fi Park  
4:30 pm: FREE Chili Dog Community Feed at American Legion Post 42 **SEE AD ON THIS PAGE FOR DETAILS**  
7:00 pm: Al-Anon at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 301 N Cherry

Friday 4

**BROADWATER FOOD PANTRY CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY READ ABOUT IT ON THIS PAGE**  
12:00 pm: Alcoholics Anonymous at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 301 N Cherry  
1:00 pm: Townsend Pinochle Club at Broadwater County Sr. Center, 516 2nd St  
5:00 pm: FREE Community Dinner with Live Music at American Legion Post 42 **SEE AD ON THIS PAGE FOR DETAILS**  
5:00 pm: READ and ROLL: Game Night for All Ages (12 & under with adult) at Reading Leaves Bookstore and Coffee Nook  
8:00 pm: Live Music at Canyon Ferry KOA- Bring a chair!

Saturday 5

6:00 pm: Fireside Alcoholics Anonymous at 102 N. Walnut, 406-439-3945  
6:30 pm: Magic - The Gathering at Reading Leaves Bookstore, 401 Broadway  
8:00 pm: Live Music at Canyon Ferry KOA- Bring a chair!

CLASSIFIEDS

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FOR LEGAL NOTICES!

Cock-a-Doodle-Do!  
Here's a FREE Roo...ster!

Year-old Australorp Rooster needs a new home!  
Call Laura at 406-521-0088

CHICKENS FOR SALE!

Young laying hens for sale \$15 each  
Roosters free!  
Leave a message for Susan: 406-980-0650.

Open House



Saturday, June 28, 2025  
12:00PM to 2:00PM  
403 So Cedar St, Townsend, MT  
Presented by Marcia Broadwater Realty

Broadwater County Historical Society Annual Meeting

Tuesday, July 3, 2025, at 5:00 PM

At Broadwater County Museum,  
133 North Walnut St, Townsend.  
All Society Members are invited to attend.

Celebration of Life  
for Craig Steinbach



July 3, 2025, 11:00 am  
At Mountain Valley Church, 110 E St, Townsend, MT  
Luncheon to follow.

Broadwater Rural Fire Board Meeting

3rd Wednesday each month.  
Next meeting: **July 16th, 7:00PM**  
At the Townsend Fire Station - 130 So Cedar St  
See Board Meeting Agenda at: <http://www.facebook.com/BroadwaterCountyVolunteerFireDepartment>

East Helena Library Hours

Andrea Eckerson  
Branch Manager

HOURS:  
Monday - Wednesday:  
10 a.m.- 6:00 p.m.  
Thursday and Friday:  
10 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.  
Saturdays: 10 a.m.-1:00 p.m.  
Sundays: Closed



Lewis & Clark Library East Helena Branch, 16 E Main Street in East Helena.  
Nancy Marks, MT43 News Photographer

JUNE

Friday 27

3:00 pm: Reading Circle Book Group for adults

JULY

Wednesday 9

10:30 am: East Helena Storytime

Library Hours

Broadwater School and Community Library

HOURS:  
Monday-Thursday -- 4:00 - 7:00pm  
Friday-Saturday -- 9:00am - 4:00pm  
Sunday -- 12:00 - 5:00pm  
Curbside also available please call: (406)441-3461

Three Forks Community Library

HOURS:  
Monday & Wednesday through Friday - 10:00am to 5:00pm  
Tuesdays - 10:00am - 7:00pm  
1st Saturday of the Month: 11:00am - 2:00pm  
Contact the library for details on clubs and events for a variety of ages at (406) 285-3747, or visit the website: [threeforkslibrary.weebly.com](http://threeforkslibrary.weebly.com)

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

CHANGE AT BROADWATER FOOD PANTRY

Food Pantry Contact


Broadwater Food Pantry will be CLOSED Friday, July 4th.  
Due to this closure, they will be OPEN Thursday, July 3rd from 9am - 11am for donation.  
Food Pantry pick up will resume standard donation and pick-up schedule Saturday, July 5th, 9am - 11am.  
Sorry for any inconvenience.

AT THE LEGION, POST 42

FOOD GIVEAWAY FOR VETERANS

American Legion Contact

Join us at American Legion  
Post 42, Townsend, MT.



Southwest Montana Veterans Food Pantry and Services is a non-profit that includes a thrift store and food

pantry, located in Deer Lodge, MT.  
Assistance is provided for all Veteran's with proof of service status.  
You can access the Thrift Store and services at 505 Main Street in Dillion, Monday through Thursday 10am to 5:00 pm.  
They have established a Food Pantry Truck that has been traveling to cities around the state to bring food to Veterans. The Food Pantry truck will be in Townsend at the American Legion Post 42, 211 Broadway, on Saturday June 28th from 1:00 to 4:00 pm.  
Please bring proof of Veteran status to receive assistance.  
If you are home-bound please contact Post 42 for assistance.  
For more information, call Jay Wood (406) 846-4777 or Townsend Post 42 (406) 266-3611.

Chili Dog Thursdays!

FREE OR DONATIONS ONLY!

Come enjoy a meal, and if you can, please help us help our community.  
Thursdays, 4:30 - 6:30pm at American Legion Post 42, in Townsend.  
Hosted by Sons of the American Legion (SAL).

Happy 4th of JULY INDEPENDENCE DAY

4th of July Community Dinner



The American Legion Post #42 in Townsend is hosting a **FREE COMMUNITY DINNER!**

• 5PM Dinner - BBQ Pork and BBQ Beef Sandwiches with Baked beans and Cole Slaw  
• 6PM: Live music with Jerry Willet  
• 3PM: Bar Opens

Donations Appreciated  
See you there!

Three Forks Community Calendar

JUNE

Friday 27

11:00 am: Three Forks Public Library - LEGO Club

JULY

Tuesday 1

1:00 am: Three Forks Public Library - Mah Jongg

Wednesday 2

5:30 pm: Bozeman Music Night with Joe Bozeman at Bridger Brewing Three Forks

Thursday 3

10:30 am: Three Forks Public Library - Story Time  
7:00 pm: Three Forks Music Night with Mathias - No Cover! at Bridger Brewing Three Forks

Fri 4 - Sat 5

Three Forks Public Library CLOSED



## Broadwater High Students Volunteer in Costa Rica at a Wildlife Rescue Center

Julie Swanson

Three Broadwater High School students spent part of their summer making a difference far from home. In June, Claire Swanson, Brynlee Brown, and Jazel Ragen traveled to the Costa Rica Animal Rescue Center (CRARC) in the Alajuela Province to volunteer their time and energy in support of wildlife conservation.



All three students are active members of Rotary Interact and were accompanied by Rotary member and Interact Advisor Nichole Brown and parent volunteer Julie Swanson. Together, the group dove into hands-on work caring for a wide range of animals at the rescue center—including sloths, raccoons, monkeys, birds, coatimundis, kinkajous, tortoises, peccaries and marmosets—some of which the students had never even heard of before the trip. Claire Swanson commented, “My favorite part was feeding the sloths every afternoon, especially the two infant sloths who were so adorable.”

Their daily tasks included chopping fruits and vegetables for animal feedings, deep-cleaning enclosures, and creating enrichment activities to support the animals’ mental and physical well-being. The team also cleaned and disinfected empty cages to prepare for emergency arrivals—often baby animals that have been orphaned or wildlife needing urgent veterinary care.

Many of the center’s permanent residents are victims of the illegal exotic pet trade and can no longer survive in the wild. CRARC offers them a second chance at life with compassionate care and rehabilitation.

Beyond animal care, the students also gained cultural experience by working alongside international volunteers, practicing Spanish, and collaborating with others toward

a shared mission. Along the way, they developed deeper insight into global needs and how, even as students, they can contribute to positive change. Jazel Ragen said, “It was a big eye opener and opened my heart to learn more about cultures and environments.”

The trip wasn’t all work—students also explored one of Costa Rica’s stunning national parks, went on a hike to see 5 different waterfalls and spent a little time at the beach. Costa Rica is an extremely beautiful country and the team enjoyed trying new foods and experiencing a climate and culture very different from Montana. Brynlee Brown stated, “I learned that as long as you’re surrounded by good people, you can always have a good time.”

A special thank you goes to Rotary for providing a generous grant that covered much of the travel expenses, allowing these students to experience international service for the first time.



Brynlee, Claire and Jazel feeding the sloths  
Photo Credit: Julie Swanson



BHS Students Volunteer in Costa Rica.  
Julie Swanson, Claire Swanson, Jazel Ragen, Brynlee Brown, Nichole Brown  
Photo Credit: Julie Swanson



Marmoset enjoying lunch  
Photo Credit: Julie Swanson

## Rate Change for MT43 Newspaper

MT43 News Staff

Due to increase in printing and transportation costs, MT43 News rates will increase on July 1, 2025.

*How does this effect newsstand prices at our vendor locations?*

The newspaper price at our vendor locations will be \$2.00. Friday, July 4, 2025 newspaper edition will reflect this change.

*How does this effect subscribers?*

Subscribers will see their price increase by only 37¢ per week. For example, the 1-year, "in-region" print option increases from \$49 to \$69 total.

*See Subscription Form below for rates valid through Friday, July 11, 2025.*

## Subscribe To MT 43 News and save!

	1Yr	2Yr	3Yr
Print (In-Region*):	\$49	\$88	\$125
Print (In-State):	\$69	\$124	\$176
Print (In USA):	\$99	\$178	\$252
Print (International):	\$125	\$225	\$319
Print Snowbird**:	\$74	\$138	\$200
Email-ONLY (PDF):	\$30	\$54	\$76

**CURRENT  
RATES  
THROUGH  
7/11/25**

**Mail payment or deliver to 408 Broadway, Townsend MT 59644. You can also call with a credit card 406-266-0086, or visit [www.MT43News.com](http://www.MT43News.com)**

***\*In Region includes all Broadwater County, Helena, East Helena, Montana City, Clancy, Jefferson City and Three Forks***

***\*\*Snowbird rate includes two address changes per year. Gift subscriptions are also available!***  
***All print editions include option to receive PDF email.***

New and renewed subscriptions received by Friday, July 11, 2025, will be accepted at the old rate.  
*See Subscription Form below for the new rates.*

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Print (In-Region*):	\$69	\$108	\$155
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Print (In USA):	\$119	\$198	\$275
Print (International):	\$145	\$245	\$340
Print Snowbird**:	\$94	\$158	\$225
Email-ONLY (PDF):	\$50	\$74	\$100

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Please feel free to call our office if you have questions.

We appreciate your support in helping us to provide local news coverage, community information, and event coverage. Thank you for your subscription.

## Broadwater School and Community Library Board Trustee Needed

Daylene Hansen

Executive Administrative Assistant

**Starting Date: September 8th, 2025**

Term-5 years

Responsibilities: Establish and maintain policies, bylaws, and long-term goals for the library; oversee the general operations of the library; assist with the budget process; promote and advocate for the community and if applicable, hire public librarians.

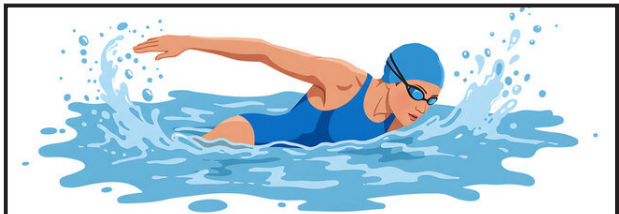
Attend library board meetings, approximately 6 per year

- Prepare for library board meetings by reading board minutes and other materials set out beforehand
- Lend expertise and leadership to the board for the good of the library
- Attend Broad Valley Federation Meetings whenever possible
- Become familiar with the Montana Public Library Trustee Manual

If interested, please contact Superintendent Brad Racht at 441-3453.

<https://www.townsend.k12.mt.us/article/2261631>

## Townsend City Pool Schedule



*Opening Day:*

June 16th, 2025

*Open Swim:*

Monday – Friday, 1:00pm - 4:00pm and 6:30pm - 8:30pm and Saturday, 1:00pm - 4:00pm.

*Water Aerobics:*

Monday – Thursday, 5:30pm -6:30pm

*Swim Lessons:*

Available for ALL ages.

*Go to [TownsendMontana.net](http://TownsendMontana.net) to sign up for lessons. For questions call TJ at 406-266-1884.*

*Fees:*

- \$4 per swim session, \$40 for 10 swims punch card.
- Family Season Pass available for \$80. *Family pass does not include water aerobics or swim lessons.*

*Closed:*

Sundays and July 4th.

Pool closes for the season August 16th.



## American Legion Post 1 Bike Show

Anne Hall  
Public Relations American Legion Post 42

The American Legion Post 1 Club is helping to host this year's Bike Show.

Volunteers are not needed but would be well appreciated.

A large turnout is anticipated, and we're looking forward to incorporating community inclusion and interaction.

Fun games, grateful food, and activities are being offered. Please come and help learn about the history, enjoy the motorcycles and have some fun!

# BIKE SHOW

Bike Show sign-ups  
Fri - Jun 27

Enter to Win

Judging begins at NOON  
Sat - Jun 28

34 Olympic Way, Butte

JUNE 27 & 28  
11AM TO 4PM

Free FOOD & DRINKS

American Legion Post 1  
info: 406-490-3401



## Kadyn Nicole Braaten Received a Bachelor of Science

Iowa State University



Kadyn Braaten  
Photo Provided

AMES, Iowa (June 16, 2025) - Nearly 4,600 graduates received degrees from Iowa State University this spring. Graduate and undergraduate commencement ceremonies were held May 15-17.

Kadyn Nicole Braaten received a Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture Business.

### Highway 12 Market Place

Handmade & Collectables

Monday- Saturday 10:00am - 4:00pm  
200 Broadway St, Townsend, MT  
(406) 465-3588

MENTION THIS AD AT HIGHWAY 12, GET 10% OFF!!

Come in and Shop with our Local vendors!

Big Sky Angels- Laura Stevenson

Montana Crafted: Crochet Items- sensory toys, animals, bags, decor and more, Handpainted-Ornaments and Re-purposed Art

Touch of Twyla's Greeting Cards

Handcrafted Cards, Incense and Incense Burners, Beanies and Diamond Painting Kits.





## County Wide Yard Sale!

Saturday July 19th

Save the date for the 9th Annual County-wide Yard Sale!

Contact Pam @ (406)422-7028 for more details!

Participation is free, but donations to help with printing and advertising costs are appreciated.



# NorthWestern Energy

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## Lewis And Clark In-County Rodeo Entry Signup Set for July 7

MT43 News Staff Reporter

The 32nd annual Lewis and Clark Timed Events Rodeo will be held Sunday, July 13, at the East Helena rodeo grounds. Contestants must sign up to enter no later than Monday, July 7, according to coordinator Katie Bakke. No early entries will be accepted. No entries will be accepted by email or text. Phone calls will be accepted between 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. Call Bakke at (406) 459-5872

Various events include team roping, steer wrestling, barrel racing, breakaway roping, tie down roping goat tying and team penning.

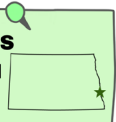
The event, hosted by the East Helena Valley Rodeo Association, includes several sponsors: The Glass Slipper, Handy Rob's, Rocky Mountain Septic, Mark LaRowe Photography, the Eichhorn Family, Canyon Ferry Mini Basket, Headwaters Salon, Turner Performance & Versatility Horses, Jason and Shanda Armstrong, Gruber Excavating, Ridge Heating & Cooling, Ten Mile Equestrian Services, Down Home Tack and Double Down Plumbing and Heating.

### Notes from ND

Mikayla Kraft  
MT43 News Correspondent



NOTES FROM ND



I can't stop looking back to when I was in elementary and middle school and how easy things were. Of course, there was drama between classmates, but it was minuscule. Now, I can't stop wishing for the times when I would fight with my best friends about who was going to go on the hang glider first. I'm starting to realize that adulting is hard and confusing, and I am not even in the thick of it.

I see that having a phone and completely making your own decisions about it has its consequences. It is already difficult enough to keep myself from doom-scrolling. When the first thing I reach for in the morning and the last thing I touch at night is my phone, it creates an addiction, whether I actively realize it or not. On top of that, as soon as I start scrolling, there is no filter. Social media will filter your feed based on what videos you spend more time watching, which ones you look more into, and which ones you like or share. With the Israel and Iran conflict escalating, combined with my tendency to overthink, the worries and fears have been hard to control.

Keeping my phone in another room or having Nathan keep hold of it can help break a cycle, but other things that go on are more difficult. Since I have moved to Wisconsin for the summer, I have been unable to find a steady job. I have been DoorDash-ing and pet sitting as much as I can, but it was not what I envisioned for a summer job. I am also taking two classes right now and have had difficulty understanding the material, making it hard to do well. I have the responsibility of maintaining an apartment, relationships, and even managing finances for the summer and school year, all of which have multiple layers and get ever more complicated.

All of it sounds negative, but please don't take it as such. It's just life, and there is no way to get around it. It is important to face the hard things head-on and hold on to the things that make life a little bit easier. Take a little time out of your day to workout or go on a walk, read a book, or color/paint while watching a movie or listening to music. It makes the hard things feel just a little bit easier, and now I have so much respect for all of you who have been through it for years. Life truly doesn't get easier, and it is scary, but it will get better with time. The key part is to not ignore the negative, but emphasize the positive.

## ROAD TRIP AROUND MONTANA

### Clancy Days

Brenda Phillips

It is time to start our summer adventures again.

Last weekend we went to Clancy Days. What an interesting town. It was a beautiful day to stroll the streets to see this community in action.



Vendors lined the streets at Clancy Days  
Photo Credit: Brenda Phillips

We were surprised at all the people who were there. They had vendor booths that lined the main streets, which had a wide variety of wares that would interest the crowds. There were food vendors and trucks serving everything from lemonade, ice cream, snow cones, kettle corn, burgers and so much more. We stopped by the Jefferson County Museum. For a small town, this is a great Museum. They had demonstrations by wool spinners and weavers. There was a book sale at the local library. What a nice library!



Jefferson County Museum  
Photo Credit: Brenda Phillips

I understood they had stick horse rodeo for the kids and other kids' games, but we didn't see them in action. They also had a touch-a-truck event for the kids so they could climb up and experience emergency vehicles, tractors and trucks of all types.

They had a stage set up with music most of the day. The schedule looked like a lot of local talent, as they only sang for 20 minutes to ½ hour each. We watched a cute young gal, about 9 or so, who was not afraid of the stage and sang several songs with a karaoke machine. What a great opportunity to share local talent.

There was a pretty big car show. We love to look at old cars and appreciate those that take the time to shine up their toys and bring them out to share with us. The parade started about 2:30. I thought this was a long parade for this small town. The Volunteer Fire Department was well represented and had some nice shiny equipment. Others that I remember were the Shriners with their little cars and whoopee wagon, a bagpipe group performed, the local wrestling club, a group of motorcycle riders, several old cars and tractors, Kolar tires and NorthWestern Energy.

I know it must take a lot of organization to put together activities like this, and they did a great job. I'd say Clancy Days is nice, a smaller version of our Townsend Fall Fest. We will definitely go back again next year.



Bagpipers perform at Clancy Days Parade  
Photo Credit: Brenda Phillips



## Historic Canton Church

June 27, 2025 at 5:00 PM

Tyler Torgrimson

"The Moonshiner Band"

Mix of Country, Bluegrass and Gospel





LEGAL NOTICES

Legal notices are required to print in local newspapers and may hold private or public interest. Here you may read about Probate Notices, Estate Settlements and other Judicial Actions as well as important Broadwater County notices.



NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

To be sold for cash at a Trustee’s Sale on October 3, 2025, at 11:00 AM on the South Entrance Steps of the Broadwater County Courthouse located at 515 Broadway Street, Townsend, MT 59644, the following described real property situated in Broadwater County, State of Montana:

Lot 21 of Mountain Vista Estates Subdivision as shown in Book 2 of Plats, page 87, located in Section 6, Township 2 North, Range 1 East, P.M.M., Broadwater County, Montana.

More commonly known as 12 Potosi Peak, Three Forks, MT 59752.

Matthew Marjamaa, as Grantor, conveyed said real property to Rocky Mountain Title, as Trustee, to secure an obligation owed to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as designated nominee for Manhattan Bank, Beneficiary of the security instrument, its successors and assigns, by Deed of Trust on January 8, 2010, and filed for record in the records of the County Clerk and Recorder in Broadwater County, State of Montana, on January 15, 2010 as Instrument No. 162647, in Book 128, at Page 154, of Official Records.

The Deed of Trust was assigned for value as follows:

- Assignee: Wells Fargo Bank, NA
- Assignment Dated: June 14, 2017
- Assignment Recorded: June 20, 2017
- Assignment Recording Information: as Instrument No. 177621, in Book 179, at Page 726,
- Assignee: Specialized Loan Servicing LLC
- Assignment Dated: April 2, 2021
- Assignment Recorded: April 13, 2021
- Assignment Recording Information: as Instrument No. 189149, in Book 222, at Page 544,

All in the records of the County Clerk and Recorder for Broadwater County, Montana.

Jason J. Henderson is the Successor Trustee pursuant to a Substitution of Trustee recorded in the office of the Clerk and Recorder of Broadwater County, State of Montana, on August 10, 2023 as Instrument No. 197010, in Book 254, at Page 13, of Official Records.

The Beneficiary has declared a default in the terms of said Deed of Trust due to the Grantor(s) failure to make monthly payments beginning November 1, 2024, and each month subsequent, which monthly installments would have been applied on the principal and interest due on said obligation and other charges against the property or loan. By reason of said default, the Beneficiary has declared all sums owing on the obligation secured by said Trust Deed immediately due and payable. The total amount due on this obligation is the principal sum of \$120,775.47, interest in the sum of \$3,852.09, escrow advances of \$3,735.13, and other amounts due and payable in the amount of \$338.59 for a total amount owing of \$128,701.28, plus accruing interest, late charges, and other fees and costs that may be incurred or advanced.

The Beneficiary anticipates, and may disburse, such amounts as may be required to preserve and protect the property and for real property taxes that may become due or delinquent, unless such amounts of taxes are paid by the Grantor. If such amounts are paid by the Beneficiary, the amounts or taxes will be added to the obligations secured by the Deed of Trust. Other expenses to be charged against the proceeds of this sale include the Trustee’s fees and attorney’s fees, costs and expenses of the sale, and late charges, if any.

The Beneficiary has elected, and has directed, the Trustee to sell the above described property to satisfy the obligation.

The sale is a public sale and any person, including the Beneficiary, excepting only the Trustee, may bid at the sale. The bid price must be paid immediately upon the close of bidding in cash or cash equivalents (valid money orders, certified checks or cashier’s checks). The conveyance will be made by Trustee’s Deed, without any representation or warranty, including warranty of title, express or implied, as the sale is made strictly on an as-is, where-is basis, without limitation, the sale is being made subject to all existing conditions, if any, of lead paint, mold or other environmental or health hazards. The sale purchaser shall be entitled to possession of the property on the 10th day following the sale.

The Grantor, successor in interest to the Grantor, or any other person having an interest in the property, has the right, at any time prior to the Trustee’s Sale, to pay to the Beneficiary, or the successor in interest to the Beneficiary, the entire amount then due under the Deed of Trust and the obligation secured thereby (including costs and expenses actually incurred and attorney’s fees) other than such portion of the principal as would not then be due had no default occurred and by curing any other default complained of herein that is capable of being cured by tendering the performance required under the obligation or to cure the default, by paying all costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligation and Deed of Trust with Successor Trustee’s and attorney’s fees. In the event that all defaults are cured, the foreclosure will be dismissed and the foreclosure sale will be canceled.

The scheduled Trustee’s Sale may be postponed by public proclamation for up to 15 days for any reason. In the event of a bankruptcy filing, the sale may be postponed by the Trustee for up to 120 days by public proclamation at least every 30 days.

If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder’s sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Successor Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse.

This is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Dated this 16th day of May, 2025.  
Jason J. Henderson, Substitute Trustee  
38 2nd Avenue East, Dickinson, ND 58601  
Telephone: 801-355-2886  
Office Hours: Mon.-Fri., 8AM-5PM (MST)  
File No. MT21461

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BUDGET HEARING

The City of Townsend has completed its preliminary annual budget for the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

There will be a public hearing on the budget on Tuesday, July 15, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. at 110 Broadway, Townsend, Montana.

The preliminary budget has been placed on file at the same location and is open to inspection. For additional information, please call City Clerk, Kari Williams at (406)266-3911.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with 7-6-4021 and 7-6-4024 MCA, The Broadwater County Commissioners, upon completion of the Preliminary Budget, will be holding a public hearing to adopt by resolution, the Broadwater County’s FY 2025/2026 Final Annual Budget.

The hearing is set for Wednesday, July 2, 2025, at 10:05 AM, located at 416 Broadway St. in the Commissioner Meeting room.

Any taxpayer or resident may appear and be heard for or against any part of the proposed budget.

The proposed budget may be reviewed in the Clerk and Recorder’s office or on the county website [www.broadwater-countymt.com](http://www.broadwater-countymt.com)

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WATER QUALITY REPORT INFORMATION

The City of Townsend has completed the Consumer Confidence Report for the City’s water quality. It can be found on the City’s website <https://townsendmontana.net>

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AUDIT PUBLICATION STATEMENT

An audit of the affairs of the City of Townsend, Townsend, Montana has been conducted by Denning, Downey & Associates, CPA’s, P.C.

The audit covered the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024.

Section 2-7-521, MCA, requires that this publication concerning the audit report is on file in its entirety and open to public inspection at City Hall at 110 Broadway, Townsend, Montana, and that the City of Townsend will send a copy of the audit report to any interested person upon request.

Kari Williams, Clerk City of Townsend

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MONTANA FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY

Cause No.: DP-25-2025-104-IT

Judge: Kathy Seely

IN RE THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:  
CHERYLENE L. SHERRILL,  
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Brian Emmett Cavalier has been appointed as the Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the said decedent are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred.

Claims must either be mailed to BRIAN EMMETT CAVALIER, Personal Representative, return receipt requested, 1436 SE STARK ST APT#204 PORTLAND OR, 97214, or filed with the Clerk of the above entitled court.

/s/ Brian Emmett Cavalier

Personal Representative for the Estate of Cherylene L. Sherrill

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Helping Hands on Pine Closing

Dee Gannon  
Helping Hands Townsend



It is with great sorrow to announce that Helping Hands Townsend on Pine is closing, after 9 years of providing the community with low-cost clothing, shoes, books, kitchen & bathroom supplies; as well as crafts and doo dads.

We (as well as our sister store, HHT4KIDS) have given back to the community over \$109,000 in benefits to Broadwater County residents. The Christmas Connections, American Legion, Ministerial Association, HeadStart, Peer to Peer Support, Broadwater Social Services Committee, Little League Baseball, MCV-The Bridge remodel, Townsend Schools and Teachers, Transform Townsend, Big Sky Autism, and Shakespeare in the Park are just a few of the projects that we have (as a whole) supported through monetary donations.

We were never late with any rent due, even when the rent kept climbing. We knew how important our Helping Hands Closing, 6

Justice of the Peace Report

Kelsi Anderson  
Justice Court Clerk

MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FORFEITURES

Emilie Ritter - Helena - day speed \$70.00

Kenneth Conley - Townsend - following too closely \$85.00

MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FAILURE TO WEAR SEAT BELTS

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DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

Howard Waddington – East Helena – purposely attracting ungulates, bears, or mountain lions, or wild turkeys with feed attractants, plead guilty, \$135.00 fines and fees.

BROADWATER COUNTY FINES

John Ralston – Shoreline, WA – Negligent endangerment (substantial risk-death/serious bodily injury), plead guilty, sentenced to one year in jail with all time suspended on conditions, \$585.00 fines and fees.

Cory Williams – Townsend – vicious animal, plead guilty, deferred imposition of sentence for a period of two years on conditions, \$500.00 fine and \$2195.19 restitution.

BROADWATER COUNTY FORFEITURES

Luis Contreras - Helena - day speed \$120.00

David Labrie - Bozeman - day speed \$20.00

Herb Selvidge - Great Falls - operate MV w/ defective windshield \$85.00

Measles Exposure at Stores in Helena, June 15

Lewis and Clark Public Health Office

As of June 20, 2025, twenty-two (23) Montana measles cases have been confirmed in Gallatin, Flathead, Yellowstone, and Hill Counties. Although no cases have been confirmed in Lewis and Clark County residents at this time, a confirmed exposure event occurred on Sunday, June 15, 2025, when an infected resident of another county visited Helena businesses. Anyone present in the following locations during certain hours is considered likely to have been exposed to measles.

The list of public exposures include:

Business Address   Exposure Date : Exposure Timeframe
TJ Maxx, 2005 Cromwell Dixon Lane Sunday, June 15th Between 2-4:30pm
Costco, 2195 E. Custer Ave. Sunday, June 15th Between 2-4:30pm
Old Navy, 3215 N. Montana Ave Sunday, June 15th Between 2:15-5:15pm
McKenzie River Pizza, 1110 Road Runner St Sunday, June 15th Between 3:15-6pm
Town Pump/Conoco, 2910 N. Montana Ave Sunday, June 15th Between 4-6pm

What to do if exposed:

Lewis and Clark Public Health (LCPH) is conducting a follow-up investigation to identify the likely exposed individuals. Depending on the contact information available, LCPH will notify those individuals and provide further instructions by phone call, text message, and/or letter.

Some individuals who are at higher risk for severe measles illness may be recommended to receive preventive treatment following an exposure to measles. If you believe you or your family were exposed to measles in any of the above locations, please contact your healthcare provider immediately to discuss your options for preventive treatment.

If you think you may have been exposed but do not receive notice from LCPH within the following several days, please complete the Measles Exposure Self-Referral Form on our website

(<https://www.lccountymt.gov/Government/Public-Health/Communicable-Disease-Control/2025-Measles-Outbreak-Information>)

The first symptoms of measles usually appear about 7-14 days after exposure: fever, cough, runny nose, red watery eyes, and/or white spots in the mouth. A red, flat rash—usually beginning near the hairline and moving downward—typically begins about 3-5 days after the first symptoms. Please call (406) 457-8910 (LCPH office) for more information.

You are presumed to have immunity to measles if you have: written vaccination documentation for measles, mumps and reubella; laboratory evidence of immunity or were born before 1957.



**Helping Hands Closing, 5**

mission was: that the people in Townsend and Broadwater County needed and deserved our help. Being it through monetary help (organizations mentioned above), or individual needs, like help with rent, utilities, gas, or anything not expected: fire, flood, homelessness. Everything that we have is available to others. IT’S WHAT WE DO. It’s what we (as volunteers) love and need to do. Spread as much joy as we can.

Our building at 424 N. Pine was put up for sale (and SOLD) without giving us the needed time to procure donations from the community to keep us afloat. We believe we should have had a heads-up that the owners were THINKING of selling, so that we would have a chance to save our store. As soon as we found out, we put an S.O.S. to the community; too little, too late.

Many people came to us expressing their desire to help. Again, too late; the building was sold within a week of listing.

So, we beg of you, our readers, customers and donors to our cause; we need somewhere to continue our ministry. We need at least 2,200 sqft in a building, or a lot of one quarter or one third acre in which we could build a Quonset hut, or a place in which we could continue taking donations of household goods, adult clothing, shoes, books, crafts, etc. We can only do what we do through your donations. I guess that for now, your support through our 4KIDS store will suffice. We will try to continue to serve the community however we can.

Our last day will (sadly) be July 5, 10-2. Until then, we will be having our liquidation sale (pay what you can), Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturday, 10-2. Come in and help us by buying (at YOUR price) clothing, shoes, etc. ALL of what we have.

We also need volunteers after July 5 and before July 15 to help us remove shelving, books and whatever else. Please, call Dee at 406-949-0078.

Thank you all for supporting us throughout our years here. We love you all.

Helping Hands Townsend on Pine Staff.

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357 N Last Chance Gulch,

Helena MT

406-442-3000

LETTERS  
to the  
EDITOR

Helping Hands

*Dear Editor,*

I am writing to express my deep frustration and disappointment regarding the recent sale and closure of Helping Hands, a local institution that has long served our community. The impact of this decision cannot be overstated. What once was a beacon of support for countless individuals and families will now be something else, a reminder of how our community's needs have been sidelined by those who have the power to make a difference but seem to prioritize profit over people.

Helping Hands has been a cornerstone of our town, providing vital services that many have come to rely on. It has been more than just a facility; it has been a symbol of the values we hold dear, compassion, connection, and a shared responsibility for one another. For years, we’ve been able to count on its presence, and its closure will leave a gaping hole, one that will undoubtedly be felt for years to come.

What is perhaps most infuriating is the lack of transparency surrounding this decision. The community was given little to no warning, and no real explanation has been offered about why such a vital service will be shut down. We have every right to ask why this is happening, and yet, our concerns have been met with silence.

It’s especially frustrating given the growing needs of our town. Townsend may be small, but that does not mean we don’t have big challenges. More and more families are struggling, and services like Helping Hands were often the first place people turned to for support. To lose that in such a callous manner speaks volumes about where the priorities of those involved truly lie.

I urge the people responsible for this closure to reconsider their actions and think about the lasting impact on our community. And to our local leaders, I implore you to step up, speak out, and do everything in your power to restore this critical resource or replace it with something that can fill the void left behind.

We deserve more than this.

*Sincerely,*

**Heather Rolfs**  
*Townsend Resident*

Validation Stickers  
No Longer Needed for  
Watercraft in Montana

Fish, Wildlife and Parks

Boaters in Montana no longer need a validation decal from Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks, thanks to legislation signed into law by Gov. Greg Gianforte on May 1.

The legislation was sponsored by Rep. Steve Kelly and was proposed by FWP. The main feature of the new law is the removal of the requirement for watercraft validation for motorized vessels. This validation was a free sticker that boat owners had to get every three years from FWP.

The reason for the validation was a requirement by the U.S. Coast Guard that allowed FWP to secure federal boating safety funds. However, the Coast Guard requirements changed and Montana was no longer compliant. Rather than ask Montana boat owners to get an annual validation, Gov. Gianforte, FWP and lawmakers decided to remove the requirement altogether.

“This new law eliminates a confusing and unnecessary piece of bureaucracy for boat owners,” said FWP Director Christy Clark. “Boat owners just need to license their vessel once with the county they live in.”

Along with removing the vessel validation requirement, the legislation also cleaned up a few other pieces of boating law, including:

Clarifying that on personal watercraft, life jackets simply need to be Coast Guard-approved.

Updating navigation and right-of-way rules to mirror those on federal waterways.

Increase the threshold for reporting a boating accident from \$100 to \$2,000.

“No one will ever beat you  
at being YOU.  
So you already have one  
game you know you can win...  
Play that game.”

~Rabbi Shmuel Reichman

Helping Hands

*To the Editor,*

I am writing to express my outrage and deep concern regarding the recent closure and sale of Helping Hands in Townsend, Montana. This decision is not only a blow to those who rely on the vital services it provides, but also a devastating loss to our entire community.

Helping Hands has long been a cornerstone of support for many in our town, offering assistance to families in need, providing critical resources, and serving as a safe, welcoming space for individuals who might otherwise fall through the cracks. The closing of this facility marks the loss of a lifeline for our most vulnerable residents—seniors, low-income families, and those facing hardships.

In a small town like Townsend, services such as these are irreplaceable. Where will the people who relied on Helping Hands go now? Will they have to travel far outside of our town to find assistance, or worse, go without? The ripple effect of this closure will be felt by everyone, whether it’s through increased strain on other community organizations or the unsettling reality of seeing our neighbors struggle.

The sale of this invaluable resource is particularly troubling when we consider the lack of alternative options available in this rural area. What message does this send to the residents of Townsend? Are we to believe that the needs of the people here no longer matter? That the most vulnerable can simply be overlooked?

I urge the decision-makers involved in this sale to reconsider the long-term damage they are causing. Townsend is a community bound together by care, empathy, and support for one another, and Helping Hands has been a symbol of that unity. Let’s not allow this decision to undermine everything we have worked to build.

I call on local leaders, residents, and anyone who values the spirit of our town to come together and fight for the preservation of this essential service. Helping Hands has been a beacon of hope for so many—let’s ensure it remains that way.

*Sincerely,*

**Jane Loehn**  
*Townsend, Montana*

Broadwater Commissioners  
Agenda

Broadwater County Commissioners

515 Broadway, Townsend  
Meetings are held at the Flynn Building on 416 Broadway St.  
Current and previously recorded meetings, official agenda, and minutes may be viewed on the website at <https://www.broadwatercountymt.gov>.

Per Montana Code Annotated (MCA) 2-3-202, the agenda must include an item allowing public comment on any public matter that is not on the agenda of the meeting and that is within the jurisdiction of the agency conducting the meeting.

Public comments will be taken either in writing before the meeting or in person at the beginning of the meeting. Mail and items for discussion and/or signature may occur as time allows during the meeting. Issues and times are subject to change. Working meetings will be posted on the agenda and will not be recorded.

OFFICIAL agendas are posted at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting in the Courthouse (1st-floor bulletin board), on our website at [www.broadwatercountymt.gov](http://www.broadwatercountymt.gov), in the window of the Flynn Building, and in the local MT43 Newspaper when possible to meet the publishing deadline.

*Monday, June 30, 2025*

**10:00 AM** Working meeting with Bill Jarocki, County Administrative Officer, CAO office, regarding projects and deadlines

*Wednesday, July 2, 2025*

**10:00 AM** Public comment on any subject not on the agenda that the Commission has jurisdiction over

**10:05 AM** Public Hearing, Debbie Kelley, Finance Officer/Payroll Manager, Resolution to Adopt the Broadwater County FY2025/2026 Final Annual Budget

**10:10 AM** Discussion/Decision, Debbie Kelley, Finance Officer/Payroll Manager, Resolution to Adopt the Broadwater County FY2025/2026 Final Annual Budget

*Friday, July 4, 2025*

*All County Offices CLOSED in Observance of Independence Day*

The county strives to make the meeting available virtually but cannot guarantee access due to platform failure, internet interruptions, or other potential technological malfunctions

*Items for Discussion / Action / Review / Signature – Consent Agenda*

- Certificate of Survey review
- Management – on-going advisory board appointments, by-laws approval, interlocal agreements and non-financial contract renewals
- Claims/Payroll/minutes
- County Audit / Budget
- Mail – ongoing grants
- Correspondence – support letters
- Task Orders

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E-mail: [commissioners@broadwatercountymt.gov](mailto:commissioners@broadwatercountymt.gov)  
Future Meetings will be held at the Flynn Building (416 Broadway)  
Please note: These meeting times/dates may change. Please check the county website

- Planning Board Meeting on July 1st at 1:00 PM
- Trust Board Meeting on July 8th at 11:30 AM
- Solid Waste Board Meeting on July 8th at 6:00 PM
- Three Forks Mosquito Board Meeting on July 15th at 3:30 PM
- Townsend Mosquito Board Meeting on July 15th at 4:00 PM
- Noxious Weed Board Meeting on July 15th at 7:00 PM
- Board of Health Meeting on July 16th at 3:00 PM
- Airport Board Meeting on July 16th at 6:00 PM
- Fair Board Meeting on July 10th at 5:15 PM

The Commissioners may be attending these board meetings (except the Planning Board)

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LOCAL EATS IN AND AROUND BROADWATER COUNTY



Dates and times may vary due to events, seasons or holidays.  
Call the restaurant with any questions. Happy Dining!

<b>American Legion Hall</b>  211 Broadway, Townsend (406) 266-3611 Dining Hours: Tuesday Bingo/ Bowl & a Roll 5:00PM SPECIAL Event with Food: Thursdays 4:30PM <b>FREE</b> Chili Dogs July 4: 5PM- <b>FREE</b> Dinner & Live Music Bar hours may vary	<b>Bunkhouse Bar &amp; Grill</b>  8846 US-287, Toston (406) 266-5302 SPECIAL: N/A Dining Hours: 10:00AM – Close Grill off at 10:00PM	<b>Commercial Bar</b>  101 Broadway, Townsend (406) 266-9956 Dining Hours: 10:00AM - 2:00AM Closed Thanksgiving & Christmas Menu available on Facebook	<b>Fishtale Tavern</b>  209 Broadway St, Townsend (406) 266-5582 Dining Hours: 11:00AM - 11:00PM Daily Specials: Facebook Bar hours may vary	<b>Mountie Moose Bakery</b>  109 Broadway, Townsend (406) 266-5800 Dining Hours: Tue - Sat 7:00AM - 4:00PM Closed Sunday & Monday Online Ordering: Mountie-moose-bakery.square.site	<b>Peking China</b>  10 N Main St, Three Forks (406) 285-3225 Dining Hours: Mon - Sun 11:30AM - 8:30PM Menu: Google
<b>The Betsy Sports Zone</b>  217 Broadway, Townsend (406) 266-0001 Dining Hours: Tue-Sun 11:00AM-Close Closed Monday Takeout placed only in person. Menu: www.betsysportszone.com	<b>Canyon Ferry Brewing &amp; Taproom</b>  300 Broadway, Townsend (406) 694-5687 Hours: Wed - Fri. 4:00PM - Close Sat and Sun 2:00PM - Close	<b>Copy Cup</b>  303 N Front St, Townsend (406) 980-8400 Please call on business hours Drinks and Pastry Hours: Mon - Fri 7:00AM - 3:00PM Sat 8:30AM - 2:00PM Closed Sunday	<b>Kick Start Nutrition</b>  500 N Front St, Townsend (406) 266-0033 Dining Hours: Tue - Fri 7:00AM - 3:00PM Sat 9:00AM - 3:00PM Closed Sunday & Monday Daily Specials: Facebook & Instagram	<b>The Nook Coffeehouse</b>  401 Broadway, Townsend (406) 490-8238 Dining Hours: Mon 7:00AM - 5:00PM Tue - Thu 8:00AM - 5:00PM Fri - Sun 9:00AM - 5:00PM Menu: FB @thenookcoffeehouse & readingleaves.net/thenookcoffeehouse	<b>Rocky Mountain Supply Deli</b>  7847 US Hwy 287, Townsend (406) 266-3456 Hot & Cold To-Go Hours: Mon-Fri6:00AM - 6:00PM Menu: Board Inside Store for Take-and Bake or Ready-to-Eat Pizza Call Ahead or Order Inside
<b>Bread and Butter Cafe</b>  205 Broadway St, Townsend (406) 266-3025 Dining Hours: Tue - Sat 7:00AM- 2:00PM Closed Sunday & Monday Menu available on Facebook	<b>C Hangin” C Mercantile &amp; Creamery</b>  310 S Front St, Townsend (406) 266-9087 Dining Hours: Mon - Fri 7:30AM - 7:00PM Sat 8:00AM - 7:00PM Sun 8:00AM - 5:00PM Menu: Facebook changinmerc.square.site	<b>Deep Creek Pizza Co.</b>  415 Broadway Ste 2, Townsend (406) 266-0002 Dining Hours: 11:00AM - 8:00 PM Closed Sunday Menu: deepcreekpizzaco.com Accepting Orders Online	<b>Mint Cafe</b>  305 Broadway St, Townsend (406) 266-3867 Dining Hours: Mon - Wed 8:00AM - 2:00 PM, Thur - Fri 8:00AM - 8:00PM Sat - Sun 7:00AM - 8:00PM SPECIAL: N/A	<div><p><b>YOUR BUSINESS LISTING HERE</b></p></div>	<b>TB’s Diner</b>  316 N Front St, Townsend, (406) 266-0099 Dining Hours: Mon- Sat 7:00AM - 8:00PM Sunday 7:00AM - 7:00PM Specials: Facebook

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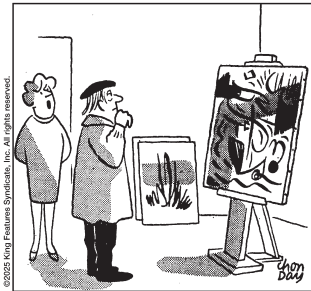
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"I'll tell you what it needs ...  
a \_\_\_\_\_!"

**SCRAMBLERS**  
Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Void  
**BASSY**   

Giggle  
**HAGUL**   

Against  
**SAVEER**   

Lack  
**HATRED**   

**TODAY'S WORD**

**CryptoQuip**

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: **P** equals **W**

MO Z JNNCGHJ MC  
ZEENQMEBRQ ENMCQ PFHGFHJ  
PZRLMEB ONJPZJS NJ IZYL PZJS,  
MG YJNPC INGF PZQC.

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**KNIGHT MOVES**

Y	M	H
I		R
E	S	M

Unlock the power of chess to find the eight-letter word of the day. Choose your starting letter carefully, then move around the square in a one by two fashion to get to the next letter.

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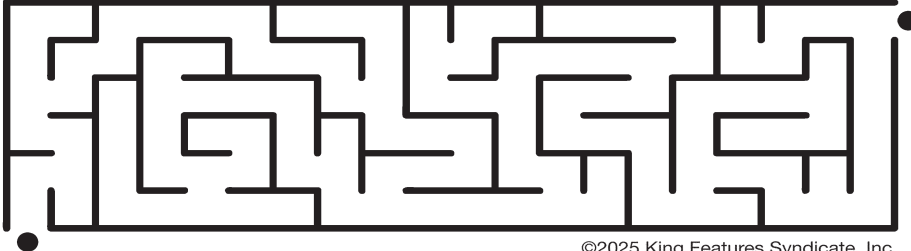
**Super Crossword**

**ACROSS**  
1 Outermost layers  
9 Most current  
15 Tips, as one's hat  
20 "Yes, it's obvious"  
21 Artemis' twin  
22 Bow missile  
23 TNIOPWEIV  
25 Gaze  
26 Web selling  
27 Joking sort  
28 Stew globule  
30 2021 U.S. Open champion  
31 Raducanu  
33 Bern's river  
33 "Auld Lang —"  
35 TNEMPIUQE  
39 Rely on  
42 1998 Masters champion  
44 Beach sites  
45 HTWORG  
50 Eases  
51 "Ex's & —" (2014 Elle King hit)  
52 Toronto loc.  
53 Ruby and garnet  
57 Large crucifix  
58 PDQ cousin

**DOWN**  
60 Scale armts.  
61 Creepy  
62 Stew or coffee holder  
64 DOIREP  
69 Sweet bun  
73 Minor error  
74 Was a threat to  
75 POLFPILF  
78 "My Gal —" (classic song)  
79 S-shaped moldings  
80 Fizzle out  
81 Not at all firm  
83 Has no entity  
87 Belgian river  
88 Part of SPF  
89 Grayish hue  
92 Ebb  
94 ECNADIUG  
97 — Harum ("A Whiter Shade of Pale") band  
101 Truly loves  
102 Filmmaker  
103 LAISUM  
106 Gab  
109 Old Russian space station  
110 Shoemakers' tools  
111 — chi

**REGRESSION ANALYSIS**  
112 China's Long March leader  
114 Authoritative declarations  
117 One of the singing Braxtons  
119 TIUCRIC  
125 Bother badly  
126 Affected sort  
127 Small naval vessel group  
128 Shell out  
129 Suddenly regain focus  
130 Kind of bicycle  
15 Wagner's "— Rheingold"  
16 Big name in taco shells  
17 Encloses in a border  
18 Layout  
19 Vows  
24 "You — one!"  
29 Sporty scarf  
31 Doing battle  
32 Retort to "Am not!"  
34 Says "OK" to nonverbally  
36 Long stretches  
37 U-Haul unit  
38 Long stretch  
40 "Five-card" or "seven-card" game  
41 Erstwhile flight inits.  
43 Prefix with skeleton  
46 Christie of mysteries  
47 Dwelling  
48 "Licence to Kill" actress  
49 "To recap ..."  
53 Take revenge  
54 Stonestreet of "Modern Family"  
55 Light coin  
56 Bird feed bit  
59 Throb  
60 Brown songbirds  
61 Poet — St. Vincent Millay  
63 "Love Me, I'm a Liberal" singer Phil  
65 J. Cole's music  
66 "Consider This" network  
67 "— recall ..."  
68 Curl up  
69 Guy into hip-hop, in old slang  
70 Tattered garb  
71 Slush Puppie alternative  
72 Finish  
76 Prehistoric beast, in brief  
77 Simple card game  
82 Not at all near  
84 Safe to take a dip in, say  
85 Tennis player  
86 Jazz pianist  
88 Break up  
89 Page or gofer  
90 Exit angrily  
91 — Majesty  
93 Kind of PC screen  
94 Comic punch response  
95 Devoid of joy  
96 Indoor design  
97 China pieces  
98 Cover again, as a gift  
99 In recent days  
100 Diagnostic med. image  
104 Lawmen  
Wyatt and Virgil  
105 Use as a bed  
107 Confuse  
108 Attach with string, e.g.  
113 Farm-related prefix  
115 Army beds  
116 Voyage  
118 "— be a pleasure"  
120 Airport uniform abbr.  
121 Sales agt.  
122 To the rear  
123 Land in eau  
124 Itty-bitty bit

**Kids' Maze**



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**Weekly SUDOKU**

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.


**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦**

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Common Sense

BY BILL GARWOOD

## Let’s talk about the Elephant in the room!

I always wondered what that meant, and how did an elephant get in the house? Human beings (especially Americans) use all kinds of idioms, or figures of speech. Things we say which aren’t a direct idea, kind of like a parable. Only we don’t have to speak to multitudes on a mountainside.

In each generation, groups of young folks have their patterns of speech, as a teenager (Yes, I was one once.) I used “far out”, or “cool.” NEVER “rad,” that was before my time and I wouldn’t use it anyway. I have even been known to let go a “groovy” now and again. I was hip, cool, and groovy at one time, honest. I remember “boss” coming in, and “dope” (which I have never understood), but part of growing up was having our own lingo, a separate language to keep parents in the dark. Good fun.

After high school, I entered a whole different world: the Army! Wow, that was a completely different type of language. Most was acronyms, letters that meant something to other military members. We ALL knew these (after a few weeks of being confused). I still use several, if you ever hear me say: “I’m going to just DX it” that means to get rid of something. (It stands for “to turn in as unserviceable”) But that’s no fun to say, there are so many words and acronyms, I won’t go into them here.

Unfortunately, many slang words are references to someone or are insults. Like “chowder head", or "waste of flesh" - Not nice, but they usually get the point across. Our first Drill Sergeants used MANY unpleasant insults to get us to do things. Sometimes in reference to our parents, you get the idea. Motivation is the key to getting things done, or to motivate others to do something. Such as: “get your head out of your neither region and do the job correctly"! Most figures of speech involve profanity, or obscene words or phrases. I could go into volumes on this subject, but it’s a family newspaper.

Over the years, there have been thousands of phrases that were different but used by many people. Like “cat’s pajamas” or “bee’s knees,” I have never understood these, but I know they’re supposed to be good.


Every occupation has its own words or language: an electrician will tell someone to “not become a conductor,” or a plumber says, “you should have been flushed!”

Why do we speak this way? Mostly because it’s FUN! Slang has come in many forms over the years; the 1950s and 60s had hundreds of expressions. The 70s, too, but not so much from then on.

I have talked with many Hispanic folks who say English is the hardest language to learn, and I can see why. We speak in riddles; we also use movie references all the time. Don’t think so? If you are going to the store, as you leave, say in a deep voice, “I’ll be back”. Everyone knows what you are saying. (Cue Arnold.)

People from England say WE do not speak English, we speak American. GOOD!

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6:00 - 7:30pm Youth Group for 6 - 12th Grades

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5 Jack Farm Rd. Townsend

Pastor Mike Wenzel (406) 266-4219

Sunday: 10:00am Sunday School | 11:00am Morning Service | 6:00pm Evening Service

Wednesday: 7:00pm Bible Study & Prayer

Holy Cross Catholic Church

101 S Walnut St. Townsend

Parish Contact (406) 266-4811

email: office@holycrossmt.org

Sunday: 3:30pm - 4:15pm (or by appt.) Reconciliation | 4:30pm- Mass | 5:30pm (during the school year) Dinner with 6:00pm Religious Ed for all Grades

Adult Education Programs found on holycrossmt.org

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Tuesday: 9:00am Mass

Mountain Valley Church (of the CMA)

110 E Street Townsend

Pastor Eric Krueger (406) 465-5895

MountainValleyChurch.org

Sunday: 10:00am Services with Nursery, Kids and Youth Ministry

Last Thursday of the month: 6:30- 8:00pm The Rock Youth Ministry: K-3rd Grades and 4th-Senior High | Parent Bible Study

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Thursday: 7:00pm Bible Study

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## Understanding the Basics of Alzheimer's Disease

Carissa Taylor

FNP-BC, ACPNP - Palliative Care Nurse Practitioner

Visit our website for more information on from the Alzheimer's Association. <https://mt43news.com>

Alzheimer's disease is the most prevalent form of dementia, a progressive brain disorder that impacts memory, thinking, and behavior. Affects millions globally, including over 6 million Americans, its prevalence is expected to rise as the population ages. Understanding the fundamentals of Alzheimer's disease can equip individuals, caregivers, and families to address the challenges it presents while fostering early detection and compassionate care.

*What Is Alzheimer's Disease?*

Alzheimer's disease is a degenerative brain condition that generally develops gradually and worsens over time. It often starts with mild memory loss and can eventually lead to difficulties in conversing or responding to one's environment. The disease primarily affects areas of the brain responsible for memory, language, and decision-making.

While Alzheimer's is most common in individuals over the age of 65, it is not a normal aspect of aging. Younger individuals can also be diagnosed with early-onset Alzheimer's, which accounts for about 5% of all cases.

*What Causes Alzheimer's?*

Though the exact cause of Alzheimer's disease remains unclear, researchers believe it results from a combination of genetic, environmental, and lifestyle factors. Two key features of Alzheimer's in the brain include:

- Plaques: Clumps of a protein called beta-amyloid that disrupt communication between brain cells.
- Tangles: Twisted fibers of another protein known as tau, which accumulate inside cells and hinder essential transport systems.

These changes lead to the loss of neurons and connections in the brain, ultimately resulting in brain shrinkage and significant functional impairment.

*Common Signs and Symptoms*

Alzheimer's typically develops slowly, with symptoms progressing over several years. Common early signs include:

- Memory loss that disrupts daily life, particularly forgetting recently learned information - Difficulty completing familiar tasks
- Trouble with language, such as finding the right word
- Disorientation with time or place
- Poor judgment or decision-making
- Withdrawal from work or social activities
- Mood and personality changes

As the disease progresses, individuals may forget important life details, struggle to recognize loved ones, and require full-time assistance.

*How Is Alzheimer's Diagnosed?*

There is no single test to diagnose Alzheimer's. Doctors employ a combination of methods to assess cognitive function and rule out other conditions, which may include:

- A thorough medical history and physical examination
- Neurological and cognitive assessments
- Brain imaging techniques, such as MRI or CT scans
- Laboratory tests to rule out vitamin deficiencies or thyroid issues

Early diagnosis is vital, providing individuals and families the opportunity to plan, explore treatment options, and access support resources.

*Is There a Cure?*

Currently, there is no cure for Alzheimer's disease. However, various treatments can help manage symptoms and improve quality of life, including:

- Medications: Such as cholinesterase inhibitors (e.g., donepezil) and memantine, which may slow symptom progression in some individuals. - Supportive therapies: Including occupational therapy, cognitive training, and structured routines to assist in maintaining independence.
- Lifestyle strategies: Regular exercise, a heart-healthy diet, social engagement, and mental stimulation can also promote brain health.

Ongoing research aims to discover new treatments, offering hope for future breakthroughs.

*Supporting a Loved One With Alzheimer's*

Caring for someone with Alzheimer's can be deeply rewarding but also emotionally and physically challenging. As the disease progresses, individuals may need help with daily activities, personal care, and safety supervision.

*Here are several ways caregivers can support their loved ones:*

- Create a calm and structured environment
- Use reminders and memory aids
- Communicate clearly and patiently
- Encourage physical activity and hobbies
- Seek help from healthcare providers and support groups

It's crucial for caregivers to prioritize their health as well. Taking breaks, seeking assistance, and accessing respite care can help prevent burnout.

*Final Thoughts*

Alzheimer's disease affects millions of families each year. While it can be overwhelming, understanding the basics empowers individuals to confront the disease with knowledge, preparation, and compassion. Whether you're concerned about memory issues, caring for a loved one, or simply striving to learn more, staying informed is the first step toward navigating Alzheimer's with hope and dignity.



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## HB 231 & SB 542: Property Tax Changes Summary

Megan Moore  
MT Legislative Office of Research & Policy Analysis

After years of large increases in residential property values, the 2025 Legislature revised tax rates for residential, commercial, and agricultural property. Changing the tax rate that applies to a property’s market value revises the taxable portion of a property’s value and the amount of property taxes paid. These tax rate revisions are a balancing act, however, as lowering the tax rate for some properties shifts property taxes to properties that do not receive rate reductions.

### LOWER RATES FOR RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL, AG PROPERTY

< See Graphic One >

### TIERED RATES FOR RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY, BENEFITS FOR PRINCIPAL RESIDENCES

Graduated tax rates go into effect beginning in 2025 for residential and commercial properties with a lower tax rate applying to a portion of all properties and the rates increasing as property value increases.

The legislation also provides a one-time rebate for principal residences. The rebate is available to homeowners who owned and resided in their residence for at least 7 months in 2024 and is equal to property taxes paid up to a maximum of \$400.

The Department of Revenue (DOR) will mail information about the rebates by June 30, 2025.

Homeowners must apply online or return a paper application between Aug. 15, 2025, and Oct. 1, 2025, to receive the rebate.

< See Graphic 2 >

### COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL PROPERTIES SWITCH TO GRADUATED TAX RATES

For tax year 2025, the tax rate for the first \$400,000 of class four commercial and industrial property is 1.40% and the tax rate for additional value is 1.89%. In 2026, the rates change to 1.50% for the value that is less than six times the statewide median commercial and industrial value and 1.90% for the value above six times the median.

### AGRICULTURAL LAND TAX RATES DECREASE BEGINNING IN 2025

The tax rate for qualified agricultural property will decrease from 2.16% in 2024 to 2.05% in 2025 and 2026, while the tax rate for nonqualified agricultural property will be reduced from 15.12% to 14.35%.

### IMPACT ON TAX BILLS WILL VARY BY JURISDICTION, PROPERTY

Lower tax rates for many residential, commercial, and agricultural properties will reduce taxable values but that impact may be tempered by mill levy increases.

**Property Tax Calculation:**

Market Value x Tax Rate = Taxable Value

Taxable Value x Mill Levies/1000 = Taxes

There are two types of property tax levies:

- Dollar-based levies adjust the number of mills to raise a specified dollar amount.
- Fixed mill levies allow a taxing jurisdiction to levy a maximum number of mills.

### MILL INCREASES FOR DOLLAR-BASED LEVIES MAY SHIFT TAXES, TEMPER BENEFITS

Lowering tax rates for certain classes of property reduces taxable value. Jurisdictions may increase mill levies to raise the same amount of revenue from the reduced taxable value.


The impact on properties with reduced taxable values and increased mill levies depends on the relative size of the value reductions and mill increases. Mill increases shift taxes to properties with 2025 or 2026 values that are the same or higher than 2024 values.

East Helena Obituaries

Richard “Rick” H. Smith Jr.

Family of Richard “Rick” H. Smith Jr.

Richard “Rick” H. Smith Jr., age 48, of E. Helena, April 16, 1977 – June 13, 2025



Richard “Rick” H. Smith Jr.  
Photo Provided by Family of Richard “Rick” H. Smith Jr.

We lost a husband, father, son, nephew, brother, and friend, Richard Smith Jr., also known as Rick, Ricky, or Cheech, on June 13, 2025. He left an undeniable mark on every person who knew him.

Rick was born to Deb Petek and Rick Smith Sr. on April 16, 1977. Cheech grew up in East Helena and loved playing football and running track for Helena High School. While attending HHS, he met Amy Chesley, his rock. Rick and Amy welcomed Jazmyn on August 7, 1998, and soon after came Cori on May 25, 2000. Anyone who knew Rick knew that his family was his entire world. He loved to take them fishing, watch Jazzy and Cori’s basketball games, and spend time relaxing with his family in the Montana wilderness.

After his daughters flew from the nest, Rick, along with his wife, Amy, spent much of their weekends bowling, golfing, and riding in the mountains on ATVs with their best friends Matt and Sam Gluth. Rick and Matt were known as “Mac and Cheech”, becoming inseparable. Between all the inside jokes and game-night packed weekends, is a bond shared between two chosen brothers, which will never be tarnished or forgotten. Rick lived a life he loved, full of activities and people he adored, jokes that will live on through those who were close to him, and sublime memories of his beautiful family.

Rick is survived by his wife, Amy Smith, and daughter Jazmyn (Gabe) Walsh, his mother, Deb Petek, father Rick Smith Sr, grandfather Peter Petek, and many more loving aunts, uncles, cousins, and other relatives. Rick is preceded in death by his daughter Cori Smith, maternal grandmother Catherine Petek, paternal grandmother Norma Smith, and paternal grandfather Willis Smith.

Bret Max Watts

Family of Bret Max Watts

Bret Max Watts, age 66, of East Helena, August 26, 1958 – June 16, 2025



Bret Max Watts  
Photo Provided by Family of Bret Max Watts

Bret Max Watts, 66, born on August 26, 1958, in Miami, FL, passed away peacefully at his home in East Helena on June 16, 2025, after a courageous battle with cancer.

Bret is survived by his loving wife, Sherri Watts; mother-in-law, Dorothy Spurlock of Helena, MT; brothers-in-law, Barney Spurlock of Townsend, MT, and Kevin (Staci) Spurlock of Helena; sisters-in-law Krista (Guy) Williams and Brenda Walker of Helena; and his son, Bill Watts. He is also survived by his brother, Grif (Pam) Watts, and special uncles and aunts, Ed (Ravin) Smith and Jim (Diane) Smith, along with multiple nieces and nephews.

All his family and friends held a special place in his heart. One very special friend was Terry Everhard, known as “McGiver.” Terry was instrumental in helping Bret get to his doctor’s appointments in Great Falls when Sherri was unable to.

Bret spent his career as a heavy equipment operator. Working with the Black’s, owning his own business and then at Helena Sands and Gravel, where he retired from in March 2023.

He loved to make memories with his friends and families. His hobbies and interests included mining, riding the razor through the mountains, camping with friends, snowmobiling, and riding his Harley next to his wife, Sherri, and friends.

Bret was preceded in death by his father, Max Watts; mother, Donna (Downs) Watts; brother, Joe Watts; sister, Beth Watts; and stepsons, Tucker and Tyser Wiseman.

Friends are invited to a short ceremony and the placement of Bret’s cremated remains in the Columbarium Niche at Forestvale Cemetery, 10:15 a.m. Saturday, June 28, 2025. A celebration of his life will follow at 11:00 a.m. at Liberty Baptist Church on the corner of Green Meadow Drive and Sierra Road in the Helena Valley. A reception will follow in the fellowship hall of the church.

GRAPHIC 1

2025 AND 2026 TAX RATES AS COMPARED TO 2024 TAX RATES

2025

All residential property: tiered rate, lower value taxed at lower rate

Principal residences: \$400 rebate

Commercial property: lower rate for first \$400,000

Agricultural land: rate reduction

2026

Principal residences: tax rate reductions for most

Non-principal residences: higher, flat rate

Commercial property: lower rate for < 6 times median

Agricultural land: 2025 rate continues

GRAPHIC 2

	Property Type/Value	Tax Rate
2024	All land, dwelling: first \$1.5 million	1.35%
	Dwelling: > \$1.5 million	1.89%
2025	First \$400,000	0.76%
	>\$400,000 to \$1.5 million	1.10%
	>\$1.5 million	2.20%
	Rental multifamily dwelling >\$2 million	Maximum graduated rate: 1.89%
2026	<u>Principal residence or long-term rental:</u>	
	≤ to median	0.76%
	> median to < 2 times median	0.90%
	2 times median to < 4 times median	1.10%
	4 times median or greater	1.90%
	Rental multifamily dwelling unit with qualified long-term rentals	1.10%
	Non-principal residence or non-long-term rental	1.90%
	Residence on qualified agricultural property	1.35%



Just Like Cats & Dogs

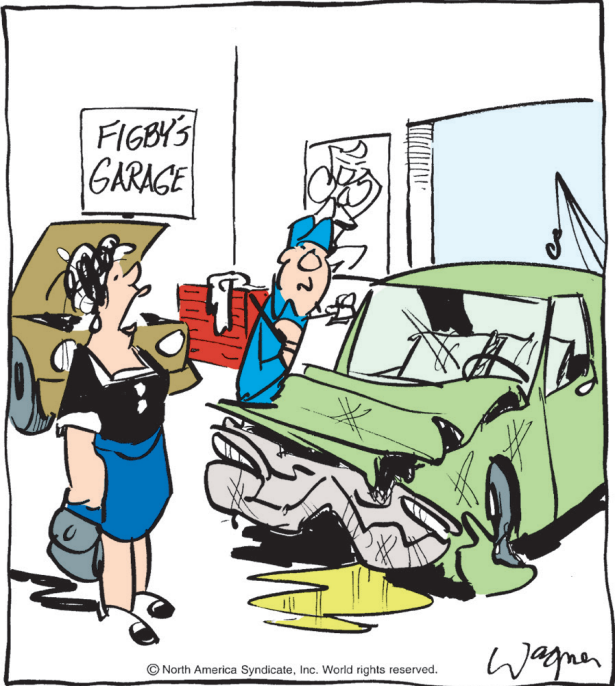
by Dave T. Phipps

YOU KNOW, IT WOULD REALLY BE GREAT IF YOU COULD STOP REARRANGING THE FURNITURE EVERY TIME I TURN AROUND.





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"I thought it was one of those cars that parks itself."

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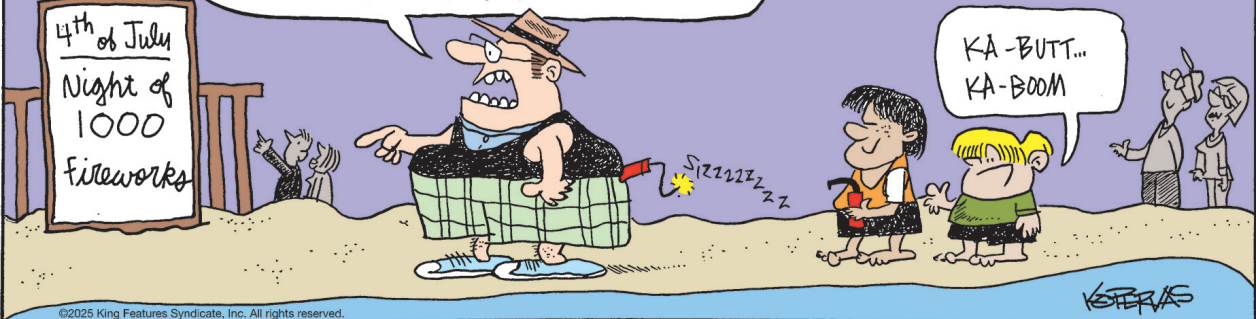
Of the making of books there is no end...and much study is a weariness of the flesh.

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Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas

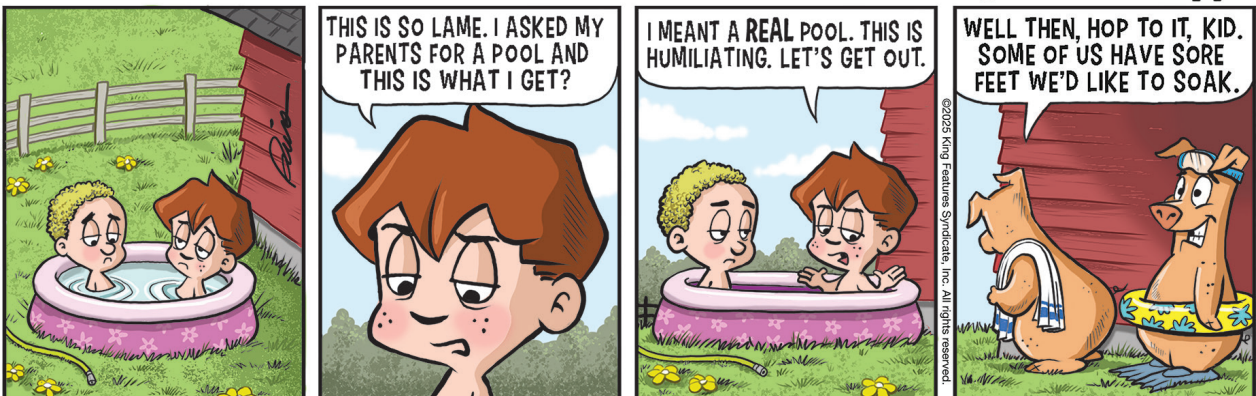
WAIT A MINUTE, THE SIGN SAYS "NIGHT OF 1000 FIREWORKS" AND I COUNTED ONLY 999! WHAT A LYP!



Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps

THIS IS SO LAME. I ASKED MY PARENTS FOR A POOL AND THIS IS WHAT I GET?



The Spats

by Jeff Pickering

OOPS!!



THIMBLE THEATRE PRESENTS  
**POPEYE**  
BY RANDY MIHOLLAND

IT'S SO SWEET YOU'D TAKE YOUR NEPHEW TO A WRESTLING SHOW.

I JUST LOVE MAKIN' HIM HAPPY, Y'KNOW?

HE TOLD ME THE ONLY REASON HE FEEDS ME IS HE MIGHT NEED MY KIDNEY ONE DAY.

YOU COULDA PLAYED ALONG!

AND YOU COULDA REMEMBERED MY BIRTHDAY. LIFE IS FULL OF COULDAS.

THIMBLE THEATRE PRESENTS  
**"BUMMER SLAM"**  
PART 10

BRUTUS, WOT 'IS YA DOIN'!

I'M GOIN' TO MY MATCH.

YA HERD 'EM, RIGHT? MACCHI 'IS USIN' YA!

I KNOW, POPEYE. ALMOST EVERYONE DOES. SEA HAG USED ME AS CHEAP LABOR FOR YEARS. BLUTO USES ME AS PUNCHING BAG AND SCAPEGOAT.

I'M USED TO BEING USED. IT'S WHAT I'M GOOD AT. IT'S ALL I'M GOOD AT.

I NEVER HAD ANYONE TO LOOK UP TO. I DON'T WANT THAT FOR HARDTACK. HIS DAD, BURLO, HAS CHOSEN TO BE OUTTA THE PICTURE.

BLUTO IS BLUTO. MY BIG BROTHER, BRUTO, IS GREAT, BUT HE'S DEALING WITH HIS OWN KIDS AND LIFE.

AND HARDTACK WON'T EVER LOOK UP TO ME, I DON'T DESERVE THAT. BUT IF I CAN GIVE HIM A HERO, SOMEONE TO ASPIRE TO? THAT'S WORTH THE LUMPS.

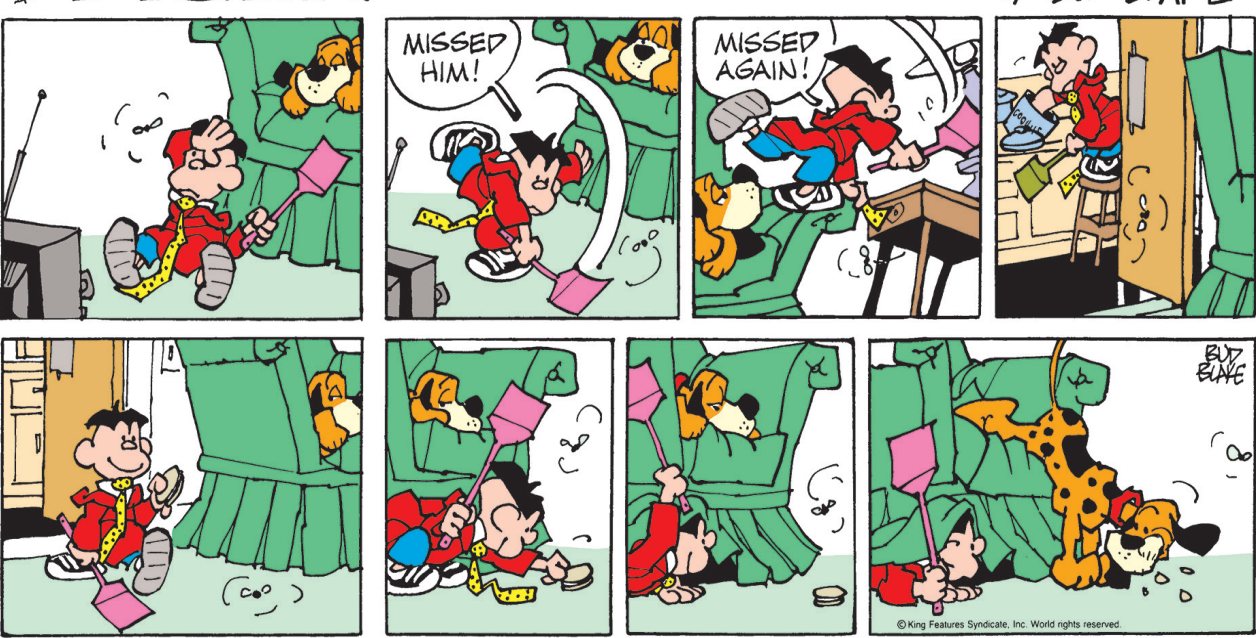
ALLS I KNOWS HOW T'DO IS FIGHT.

HOW DOES I PUNCH SELF-WORTH INT' THE GALOOT?

TIGER

by BUD BLAKE

MISSED HIM!



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CryptoQuip

answer

If a rooster is annoyingly noisy whether walking forward or backward, it crows both ways.

SCRAMBLERS

solution

1. Abyss 2. Laugh; 3. Averse; 4. Dearth

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## Rocky Mountain Supply Holds Annual Meeting



Coop Board President Harry Marx presents the company's annual report.  
Nancy Marks, MT43 News Photographer




RMS coop members enjoy Gayle Watson's barbequed beef dinner at the Watson Center June 17.  
Nancy Marks, MT43 News Photographer

MT43 News Staff Reporter

Member patronage payouts were the highest ever last year for Rocky Mountain Supply. According to Board President Harry Marx, the cooperative paid out \$5.5million in returns. Marx spoke at the annual member dinner meeting at Watson Event Center. The farm supply store has outlets covering several towns in Southwest Montana, including Belgrade, Dillon, Townsend, Amsterdam, Ennis and Wisdom. RMS’s main office is in Belgrade. Marx told nearly 80 people from all over South-west Montana who attended the stockholder’s

meeting that diversification of the company’s business is the secret of its success. RMS’s main divisions are gasoline and propane sales, animal feed and farm supplies, as well as retail sales including clothing and food. Formed in 1999 when the company merged with Coop Supply of Dillon, Rocky Mountain Supply has continued to grow in products and services. In 2001 the company entered into a joint venture with Vigilante Electric to sell propane to its customers under the name Montana Energy Alliance. Chief Executive Officer Brad Gjermo detailed the company’s expansions, including a 2,500 square

foot warehouse in Dillon, finishing the Ennis store and installing a fuel service outlet at Wisdom. He emphasized that while farm and ranch businesses are the bedrock of RMS’s success, demographics in the area have changed to include those who are here to live the rural lifestyle. “We have seen cash sales skyrocket thanks to those folks who buy western clothing and hunting and fishing equipment. We appreciate their business, too,” he said. Gjermo finished by introducing a new RMS app, which will allow account holders to see their accounts and pay online beginning November 1st.



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Found throughout North America, this plant has had many uses in native American culture. Parts of it have been used as a food source, to make medicine for skin ailments and insect bites, and to make face-paint for ceremonies. The vigor of these plants in an area was seen as an indicator of whether the area sustained enough rainfall and could support crops.

**Prairie Sunflower**

- Brenda Weaver  
Source: herb.umd.umich.edu




Weekly Weather				
Fri 6/27	Sat 6/28	Sun 6/29	Mon 6/30	Tue 7/01
				
Thunderstorms	Mostly Clear	Clear	Mostly Clear	Thunderstorms
79°   53° 28%	77°   52° 0%	80°   53° 0%	87°   58° 0%	89°   61° 12%
4   21 mph	5   23 mph	4   15 mph	4   12 mph	5   16 mph


**NorthWestern’s Pipeline, 1** ending up in Gallatin County east of Three Forks. Black said the exact route will be finalized once the project has gained all the necessary approvals. Set to start in 2027 and finish in three years, construction will require NWE to acquire easements from cities, landowners, the BLM and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, according to Black. Currently, BLM is working on an expedited environmental assessment of the project, which it expects to complete June 24. The expedited assessment comes after President Donald J. Trump’s Executive Order 14156, which declared a National Energy Emergency, and a corresponding memorandum from the Department of the Interior on Apr. 23 outlining an “alternative National Environmental Policy Act compliance process to allow for more concise documents and a compressed timeline.” The BLM must environmentally assess the project because the pipeline would go through approximately 7.2 miles of BLM-administered land to the west and northwest of Townsend, as well as 1.6 miles of land held by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The BLM must assess how vegetation, soils, certain animal species, scenic qualities of the environment, and whether the BLM’s ability to operate would be impacted by the project before permitting construction on their land. A specialist who has worked on similar pipeline projects in Montana said the environmental impact of a natural gas pipeline tends to be minimal, and

that most people would never notice its presence. There is possible concern of weeds spreading because of disturbed soil, but companies that build pipelines often work with landowners to renew disturbed areas in accordance with the owner’s wishes. According to BLM

media contact Brittany Jones, the pipeline would be built within an existing utility corridor on the 8.8 miles of federal land to minimize ecological disruption and ground disturbance, with its centerline built 75 feet from the centerline of the existing Yellowstone Pipeline. BLM’s preliminary assessment document indicates that most of the pipeline on non-federal lands would follow a similar path along the Yellowstone Pipeline. Nearly all of those non-federal lands, accounting for 64 miles of the proposed pipeline’s total length, are privately owned, meaning easements would be needed for each residence. The pipeline would cross under multiple bodies of water including Indian Creek on BLM land, the Gallatin and Missouri Rivers, and four smaller tributaries. For those crossings, horizontal directional drilling will be utilized to limit disturbances on the surface, according to BLM’s preliminary report. Horizontal directional drilling allows pipes to be installed without digging trenches along an arced bore pathway. The report also states that existing roads and trails would be utilized wherever possible on non-federal lands and only minor delays are anticipated because of construction traffic. The pipeline would also pass through Prickly Pear Park, where construction methods would be tailored to the park’s unique terrain and environmental features, according to Black. Horizontal directional drilling might be used in the park where needed and access to the park may be temporarily limited at some points during construction, she said. In a statement to the Monitor, Black assured that the company was considering environmental impact carefully. “As with all our infrastructure projects, this work is guided by environmental and cultural resource studies, stormwater management plans, and a strong commitment to preserving the character and integrity of each location along the route,” she wrote. For more details on the new pipeline, visit <https://www.northwesternenergy.com/about-us/our-projects/helena-to-three-forks-pipeline-project>.



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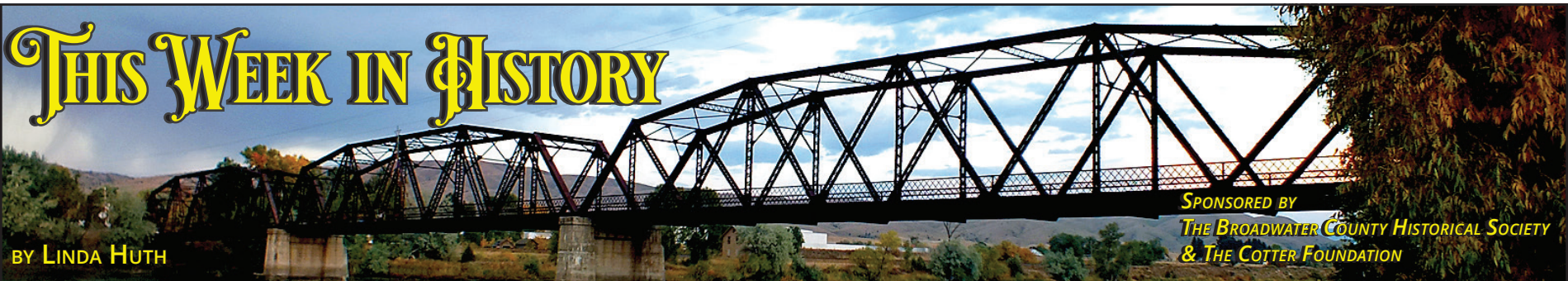
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## June 26

1941

*Town Talk is 3 Years Old, Mr. & Mrs. Ness Say*  
At exactly 5:00 o'clock, June 25th, three years ago, the Town Talk, Townsend's popular café and confectionery, opened its doors for the first time. The owners, Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Ness wish to show their appreciation of the fine patronage during the three years they have been in business and on Saturday of this week have souvenirs and treats to present the men, women and children of the community.

Mr. Ness said that he and his wife worked hard, yes, but had done well and that they have nothing but praise and appreciation to offer. They have eight people employed and have enjoyed a generous patronage.

Townsend can well be proud of the Town Talk and the service it gives tourists as well as home trade, and the local newspaper joins with others in the community in hearty congratulations.

*Local Baseball Teams Tangled Here Sunday to Entertain Home Fans*  
Hot sun Sunday afternoon proved too much for a couple of the baseball players who suffered slight sun strokes as they were engaged in playing on the local diamond. Gene Sautter was taken quite ill, the physician claiming he had been effected by too intense a sun and Buzz Brisbin was unable to complete the game from the same effects.

Two local teams, the Legion nine and a team of local adults, crossed bats Sunday when it was learned the Bozeman team could not come, and cancelled their day here. They were to have met the Legion team. A town team was formed on the impulse of the moment and played the Legion team.

Line up for the Legion team was B. Ness, Brisbin,

O'Hearn, Jeffy Williams, Bud Sautter, Ray Feldt and two outside sons of Legionnaires.

The town team was comprised of Paul Johnson, Ben Sautter, Jim Suter, Willis Smith, Jr., Gilman Domholt, Dewey Shields, Geo. Flynn, Gene Sautter, Earl Ridgeway and Dave Langevin.

The score was 5 to 2 for the town team.

1958

*To Attend DeMolay Conference in Kansas City*  
R. E. Sears, Lanny White and Gary Cruson will represent the William W. Harvey Chapter of DeMolay from Townsend at the Third Founder's Conference in Kansas City, Mo. next week. Mr. Sears will attend as Dad Advisor; Lanny White will be entered in the International Chorus and Gary Cruson as Master Counsellor. They will join 49 other delegates and advisors from Montana at Billings and will go from there by rail.

*Radersburg News*  
Mrs. Leonard Cain and daughter, Olive, were Helena business visitors Thursday.

Mrs. Jack Ralls, Terri Ralls and Merilee Miller drove to Helena on business Friday. Mrs. L.N. Carpenter and baby granddaughter, Linda McCord, came back to Radersburg with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Doughty drove to Belgrade Sunday, attending the horse racing at Beaumont.

Larry Heberle and Ronnie Barraugh of Townsend were Sunday visitors of Steve Ralls.

Mr. and Mrs. George Harris and family spent the weekend with relatives in Butte, also attending Siebrand Bros. circus and carnival.

1975

*Townsend News*  
Mrs. F.L. Olsen and grandchildren, Brenda and Scott,

left for Spokane Saturday to spend a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Mark Harrington and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Schwisow visited their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Neil Weare and two sons, and their son, Paul, and his wife, Patti, while in Missoula recently. Linda Schwisow, their daughter, visited her parents recently.

Four generations of the Anders family gathered recently at the home of great Grandmother Signa Anders. Present were son Harry and his wife, Kathryn, from San Jose, California, grandson, Albert Anders, his wife Janet and their daughter, and great granddaughter, Leslie, from Fort Campbell, Kentucky. A pleasant two weeks were enjoyed with family and friends, and all have now departed or their respective homes.

Mrs. Luke Dagnall and her daughter, Julie Dagnall, left Sunday for a three-week tour of Europe. They will visit in the British Isles and in The Netherlands.

1997

*Bronze Reflects Culture of County*  
The Townsend Riders Horse Club last week donated "New Beginnings", a bronze sculpture by Townend artist Dan Norvall, to the Broadwater School-Community Library.

Club President Elaine Mann said the decision to donate a sculpture to the library began about two years ago, during the drive to raise funds for the new building.

"About two years ago...we decided to help with the beautification of the library," Elaine Huckins said during the dedication ceremony for the sculpture, held June 19 at the library.

"We wanted something that would reflect the culture of Broadwater County," Mann said. "For us – our whole area revolves around horses."

Townsend Riders Horse Club, a non-profit organization founded in 1985, raised money for the sculpture through horse shows, clinics and donations.

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## Farmers Market Opens in Two Different Locations

MT43 News Staff Reporter

A second farmer's market will open the 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month on Broadway at Memorial Park, according to Market Manager Sheree Beauchamps. The Saturday market will open from 11a.m. to 3 p.m. The market is open for both county and regional vendors to sell their wares.

The original Farmer's Market, open traditionally with local goods only, on Highway 287 across from TB's Diner, will keep its Thursday opening from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. each week.

"We are starting off strong with around 14 different

vendors this year," Beauchamps said, "but we need vegetables. It's early, so it will be a while before we have a selection of local ones."

The market has rhubarb, radishes and spinach currently for sale, in addition to vendors who offer breads, salsas and jellies and jams and dry goods. Braaten meats also sell their frozen meats each week.

When Beauchamps and her husband Sam were first involved with the Farmer's Market, they felt something was missing. Future Farmers of America (FFA) leader and high school teacher Jemma Loughery gave them an idea when she hosted a hamburger and hot dog stand at one of the markets as a fundraiser for FFA. Beauchamps

and her husband both took to the idea: "Food is what we needed to draw in people to the market. So, we put together the Barbeque Brisket Wagon in 2017. We do see more people on a regular basis," she said.

The charge for setting up a booth at the market is \$5.00 per week for the Thursday market and \$10 per week for the Saturday market. Beauchamps encourages anyone who has a passion for arts and crafts, baking, or canning to think about setting up a booth. "It's a great way to start a little business," she said.

People interested in either the Saturday or the Thursday Farmer's Market can reach Beauchamps at hardwayfarm@outlook.com or call (406) 465-4977.



Paul and Jeanette Vogl visit with a vendor at the Thursday Farmer's Market.  
Nancy Marks, MT43 News Photographer

New vendor Jack Roswold (shown here) and his brother Dylan set up a lemonade and popsicle stand at the market.  
Nancy Marks, MT43 News Photographer